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NAMOR
THE SUB-MARINER

and

Captain America

WITH
NAMORITA'S
LIFE AT STAKE--

--NAMOR AND
CAP FACE THE
WAR-HUNGRY
HORDES OF
ATLANTIS!

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CAN THIS
REALLY BE THE
SUB-MARINER?

PEYER ■ HERDLING ■ ROSS ■ WEGRZYN



Son of an air-breathing father and a water-breathing mother, gifted with superhuman strength and the power of flight, the mighty Sub-Mariner -- Prince Namor -- has battled for and against humanity since World War II. But there are times when even the avenging son of Atlantis finds himself requiring the aid of some of Earth's greatest champions...

NAMOR

The half-human, half-Atlantean monarch of the sunken city of Atlantis, who has served as both an enemy and a defender of mankind!



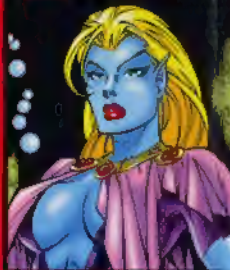
CAPTAIN AMERICA

Whether in or out of costume, Steve Rogers has always been the living embodiment of Captain America, the symbol of all that is great about the United States. Since his return from "the dead," Cap's heroic status has been elevated to almost super-human icon. Rather than serving as a living example of the potential of all free people, he has become a celebrity in the most crass sense of the word--his ongoing mission lost amidst the hype.



NAMORITA (KYMAERA)

Namor's cousin, who oversaw the building of New Atlantis and ruled in Namor's absence while he was in the Heroes Reborn pocket universe and presumed dead. Namorita has taken leave from the New Warriors, the super hero team she helped form.



LORD VASHTI

The most respected of New Atlantis's elder statesmen, as well as the long-time advisor and second-in-command to Prince Namor.



KEERG

The slick young leader of a new generation of New Atlantean warlords. He is devoted to the economic and global growth of New Atlantis, as well as the acquisition of his own power and wealth.



Namor has returned from the Heroes Reborn pocket universe with the rest of earth's mightiest heroes. Soon after his return he became involved in an adventure with the Avengers, and helped foil the world-conquering plans of Morgan LeFay and the evil Mordred.



Recently, on an adventure with Spider-Man, it became clear that something was wrong with Namor; he was suffering from extreme mood swings and had mysteriously lost the ability to breathe underwater.

Seeking help from the sorcerer supreme, Doctor Strange, Namor learned that his memory and psyche had been fragmented and blended together upon his return from the Heroes Reborn pocket universe.



Strange provided Namor with a talisman that would aid the Sub-Mariner in controlling his mood swings and keeping his emotions in check.

Meanwhile, in New Atlantis, Namorita was attacked by Keerg's rebel forces who seek to take over Namor's watery kingdom and form economic ties with the surface world.



STAN LEE
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AND **CAPTAIN AMERICA!**

IN DEEP

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**PRINCE NAMOR, THE SUB-
MARINER, RULER OF
ATLANTIS, HYBRID SON OF
LAND AND SEA, AVENGER
OF THE DEEP...**

**... HE IS KNOWN BY ALL
OF THESE NAMES,
BUT RIGHT HERE AND
NOW...**

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... NONE OF THEM FIT.
NOT ANYMORE.

HEY!
YOU!!

A RECENT PASSAGE
BETWEEN DIMENSIONS
BROKE HIM DOWN AND
REBUILT HIM POORLY.

HE CAN NO LONGER BREATHE
WATER, AND, PERHAPS MORE
TROUBLINGLY...



GET BEHIND THE RAIL
AND STAY THERE!

CAN'T YOU
READ THE
SIGNS? ARE YOU
STUPID?

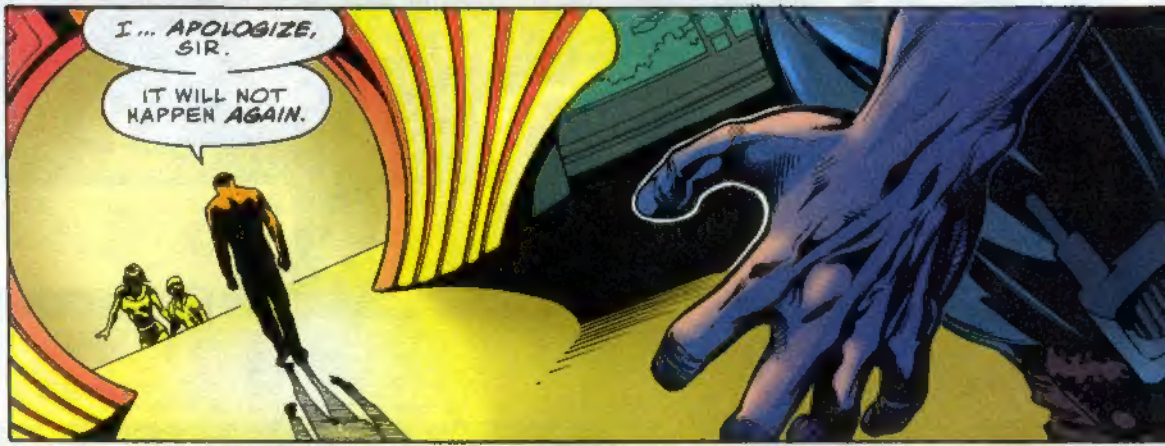


... HE CAN NO LONGER GOVERN HIS EMOTIONS.

A SPATTER
OF ABUSE
FROM A
UNIFORMED
AUTHORITY
COULD
EASILY
PROVOKE A
DEADLY
RAMPAGE...



... IF NOT FOR THE
CALMING EFFECT
OF THIS MYSTIC
TALISMAN, A
GIFT FROM THE
SORCERER
DR. STRANGE.



I ... APOLOGIZE,
SIR.

IT WILL NOT
HAPPEN AGAIN.

JUST
OUTSIDE,
A MAG-
NIFICENT
WHALE
DOES TRICKS
LIKE A
LAPDOG, ITS
WILDNESS
EXTINGUISHED...



... A CAPTIVE
ON LAND.



NAMOR
CANNOT
WATCH
THIS.

HE TRUDGES
BACK
INSIDE, ANCHORED
BY HIS DREAD OF
THE WHALE'S FATE,
AND OF HIS OWN.

TAMED AND
TETHERED,
STRANDED...

... AND
ALONE.



YOUR
COUNTRY
NEEDS YOU,
NAMOR!

THERE'S BEEN
A COUP IN ATLANTIS!
A WARLORD NAMED
KEERG HAS DEPOSED
YOUR COUSIN
NAMORITA! *

THE WHITE HOUSE
IS CONCERNED ABOUT
THE GLOBAL INSTABILITY
THIS SITUATION COULD
CREATE! THEY'VE
ASKED ME TO--

--SEEK MY
HELP? I DOUBT
IT. WHY ARE YOU
HERE, CAPTAIN
AMERICA?

*LAST ISH!--GLENN

...I FIND IT
ALARMING
THAT YOU
AREN'T
ALREADY.

DON'T YOU THINK
I'D WANT TO BE??

BECAUSE
YOU HAVE
A RIGHT
TO BE
INVOLVED,
AND
FRANKLY...



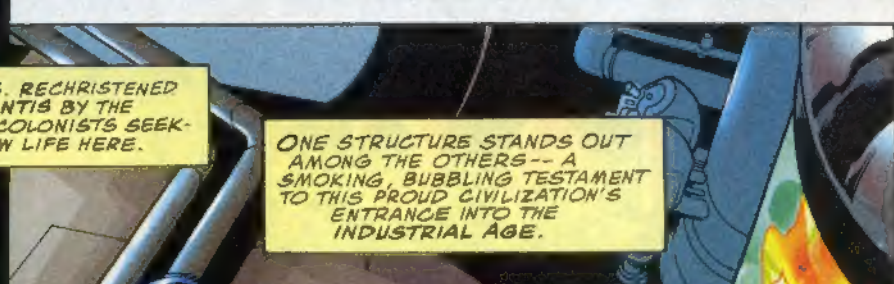
I SIMPLY MUST ACCEPT
THAT OR GO INSANE!

WHAAAT--?





MARITANIS. RECHRISTENED
NEW ATLANTIS BY THE
AQUATIC COLONISTS SEEK-
ING A NEW LIFE HERE.



ONE STRUCTURE STANDS OUT
AMONG THE OTHERS-- A
SMOKING, BUBBLING TESTAMENT
TO THIS PROUD CIVILIZATION'S
ENTRANCE INTO THE
INDUSTRIAL AGE.



ITS MASTERMIND, WARLORD
KEERG, GLOATS BEFORE THE
SURROGATE MONARCH NOW
IN HIS THRALL--



PRINCESS
NAMORITA, I HOPE
YOU FIND YOUR
ACCOMMODATIONS
COMFORTABLE?



I-- I'D BE MORE
C-COMFORTABLE WITH
YOUR SKULL IN MY
HANDS, KEERG.



HA HA! OF
COURSE YOU
WOULD!



BUT THE CHEMICALS
WE'RE MANUFACTURING
FOR SURFACE PHARMA-
CEUTICAL INTERESTS ARE
THE SAME ONES BEING
PUMPED INTO YOUR
AQUARIUM.



FACE IT,
PRINCESS--THE
DAYS OF YOUR
MEDIEVAL CLASS-
SYSTEM MONARCHY
ARE AT AN END!



AS QUEEN OF
NEW ATLANTIS, I
ONLY F-FOLLOWED
NAMOR'S WILL.



T-TO OPPOSE
THAT WILL IS
SACRILEGE.



MEANWHILE, SEVERAL
LEAGUES DISTANT...

...KEERG'S PLAN FOR
ECONOMIC RE-
DEVELOPMENT PRO-
CEEDS ON SCHEDULE...

DEPLOY
DEPTH
CHARGE!



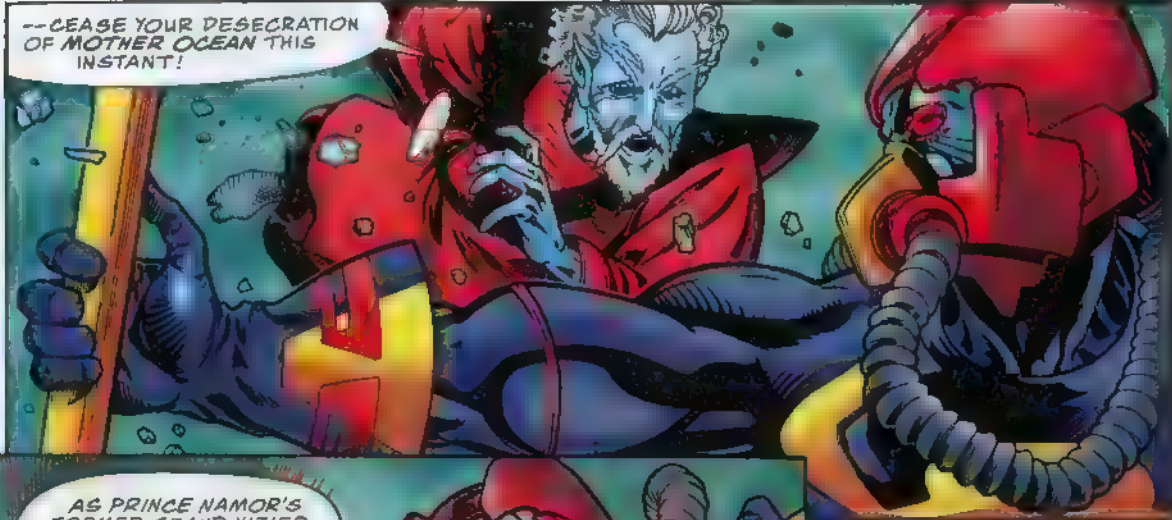
SQUAD LEADER TO
BENTHIC EXPLORER--
PREPARING TO HARVEST
PLANT AND MINERAL
CONTENT.

WAIT! THERE'S
SOMEONE ON THE OCEAN
FLOOR-- WITHOUT A CON-
TAMINATION SUIT!

FELLOW
ATLANTEANS!

LORD VASHTI
IMPLORES YOU--





--CEASE YOUR DESECRATION
OF MOTHER OCEAN THIS
INSTANT!



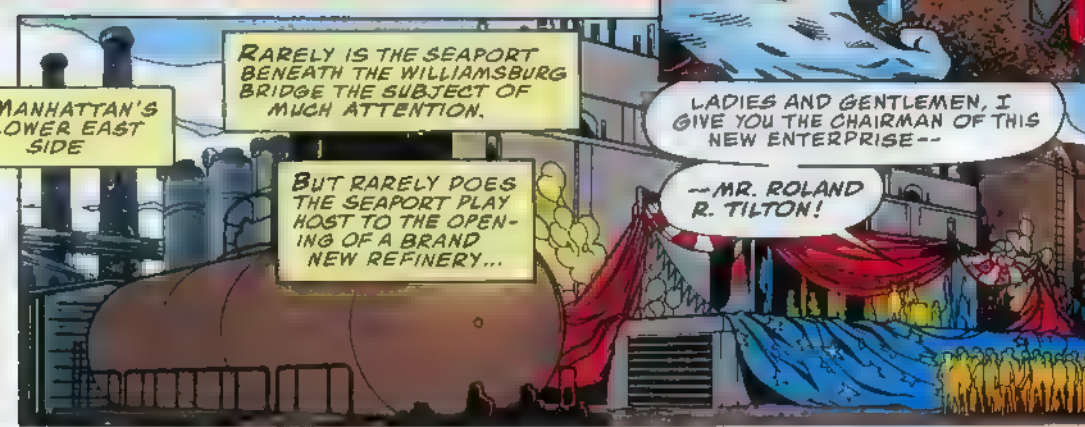
AS PRINCE NAMOR'S
FORMER GRAND VIZIER,
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE
SHOULD KNOW, LORD
VASHTI!--

BONK!

--WE
PERFORM THE
WILL OF THE SUB-
MARINER!



STAND NOT
IN THE WAY
OF COMMERCE,
OLD MAN!



MANHATTAN'S
LOWER EAST
SIDE

RARELY IS THE SEAPORT
BENEATH THE WILLIAMSBURG
BRIDGE THE SUBJECT OF
MUCH ATTENTION.

BUT RARELY DOES
THE SEAPORT PLAY
HOST TO THE OPEN-
ING OF A BRAND
NEW REFINERY...

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I
GIVE YOU THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS
NEW ENTERPRISE--

--MR. ROLAND
R. TILTON!



THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!

MY FRIENDS, THIS ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ATLANTEANS REPRESENTS MY COMMITMENT TO THE GOOD PEOPLE OF NEW YORK CITY!

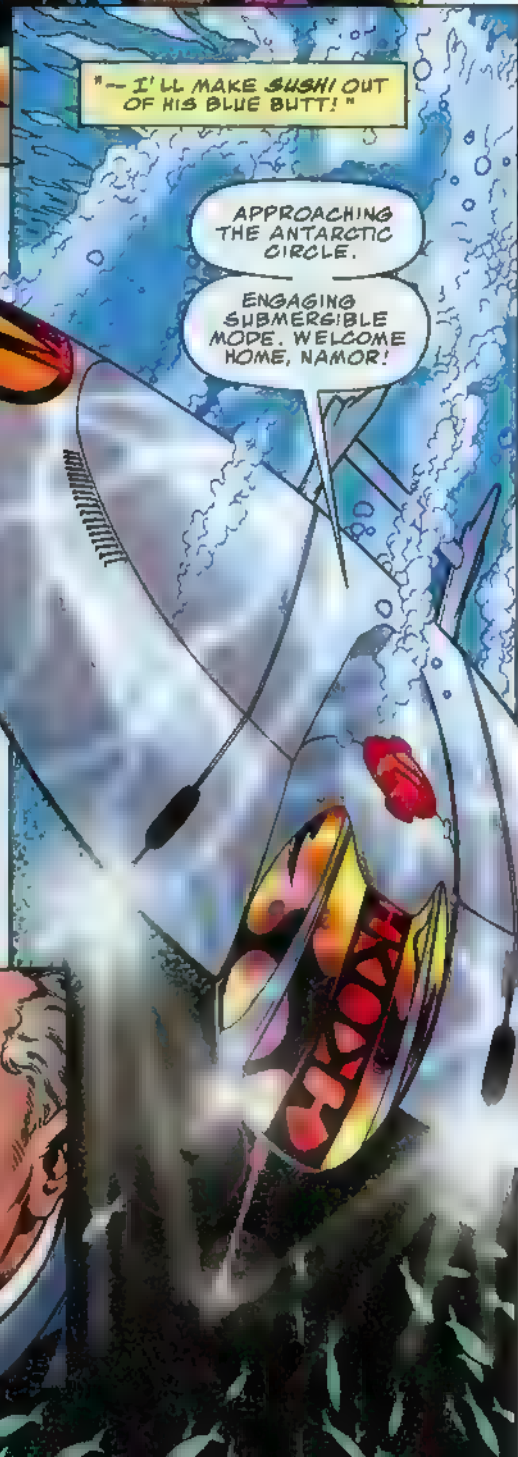
I'LL SAY! THIS FACTORY EMPLOYS ABOUT HALF O' YANCY STREET!



M-MR. MAYOR!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I JUST RESHIEVED WORD FROM WASHINGTON THAT YOUR ATLANTIAN PARTNERS ARE THE BENEFICIARIES OF A VIOLENT TRANSFER OF POWER.

SHORRY, TILTON-- BUT I CAN'T BE SHEEN AS A SHUPPORTER OF A VIOLENT REGIME.



"-- I'LL MAKE SUSHI OUT OF HIS BLUE BUTT!"

APPROACHING THE ANTARCTIC CIRCLE.

ENGAGING SUBMERGIBLE MODE. WELCOME HOME, NAMOR!



TELL KEERG THAT IF HE MESSES THIS UP--

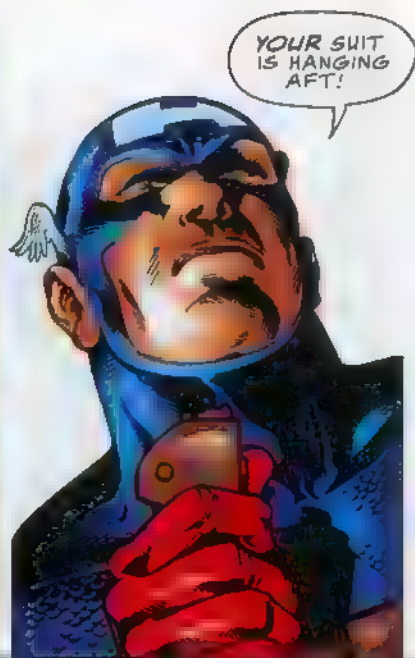


YOU THINK ME MAD?!

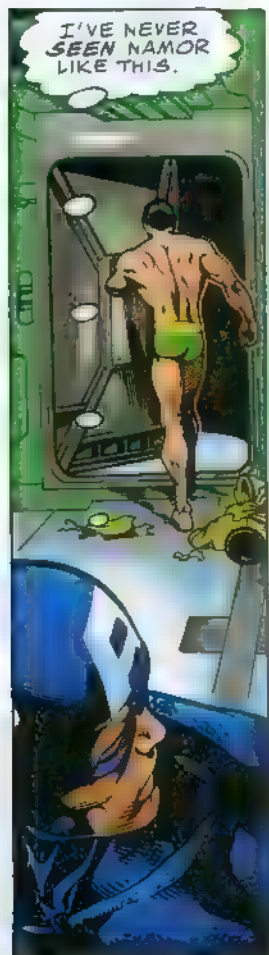
I WILL NOT
RETURN TO MY
PEOPLE DRESSED
AS A--A LOWLY
SURFACE
CRAWLER!

SHRIIP!

WILL YOU
SETTLE DOWN
AND TRUST
ME?



YOUR SUIT
IS HANGING
AFT!



I'VE NEVER
SEEN NAMOR
LIKE THIS.



AM I
HELPING
TO IN-
STALL A
MADMAN
ON
ATLANTIS'
THRONE?

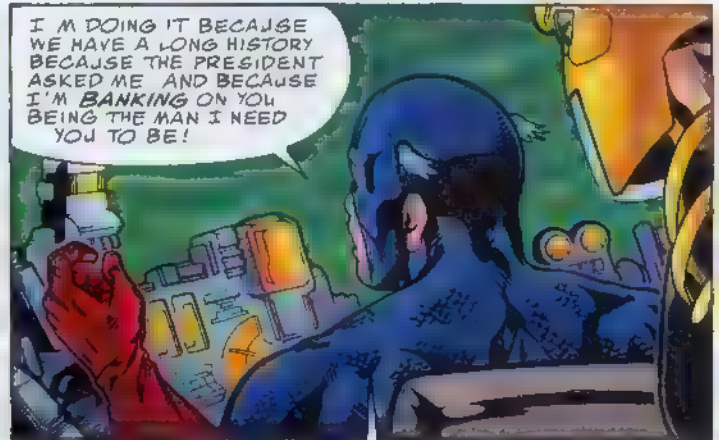


I HAVE ALWAYS
ABHORRED THE
GAUDY ACCOUT-
REMENTS WORN BY
YOU AND YOUR
BRETHREN.

NOW
I KNOW
WHY.

STOP SMIRKING,
CAPTAIN...

... AND THE
WORDS
"CAPTAIN
ATLANTIS"
HAD BETTER
NOT ESCAPE
YOUR LIPS!



BULLPEN BULLETINS

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SPIDER-MAN: THE MANGA

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A fake Spidey is tearing up Tokyo! YU KOMORI – the real Spidey – wants to do something about it, but he's said "sayonara" to crime-fighting! By RYOICHI Ikegami!

STAR TREK: THE UNTOLD VOYAGES

35

McCoy is finally reunited with his estranged daughter – but a figure from the good doctor's past threatens this happy reunion! By GLENN GREENBERG and MICHAEL COLLINS!

2099 MANIFEST DESTINY

1

Is this the end of the 2099 universe – or a bold new beginning? By LEN KAMINSKI and MIKE McKONE!

ALPHA FLIGHT

9

ALPHA FLIGHT is flung deep into the bowels of the sinister PROMETHEUS PIT! By STEVEN T SEAGLE and ANTHONY WINN!

FURY/AGENT 13

12

SHARON CARTER is looking for NICK FURY, to pay him back for stranding her behind enemy lines – and when she finds him, there's going to be heck to pay! By TERRY KAVANAGH and RAMON BERNADO!

IRON MAN

4

TONY STARK and the world's top executives are gathered on an island which happens to be a dormant volcano! This is a bad time for the return of FIREBRAND! By KURT BUSIEK and SEAN CHEN!

JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY

520

Hannibal King is hired by a beautiful woman to investigate the murder of her husband – and ends up in the clutches of a vampire cabal! By MARV WOLFMAN and KARL KERSCHL!

MARVEL ADVENTURES

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HULK vs. THE JUGGERNAUT! What more do you need to know? By RALPH MACCHIO and ANDY KUHN!

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

434

PETER PARKER assumes an all-new heroic persona! Make way for RICOCHET! But beware the sting of the deadly BLACK TARANTULA! By TOM DeFALCO and JOE BENNETT!

GENERATION X

36

Get ready to be super-amalgamated, unless the Gen-X kids can save the day! P us who the heck is DIRT-NAP the rat? By LARRY HAMA and TERRY DODSON!

X-FACTOR

145

GREYSTONE encounters a young boy who will grow up to become a mutant-hunting hound! Can this dark future be changed? By HOWARD MACKIE and DUNCAN ROULEAU!

ITEM! For years, fans of the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN have eagerly awaited a big-budget film about their favorite wall-crawler, directed by superstar director JAMES CAMERON – the man who was at the helm of the *Titanic*, revealed some *True Lies*, and unleashed the Terminator! Sadly, production of the film has been held up by one legal hassle after another! But there's good news for Spider-Fans – Cameron recently appeared on the HOWARD STERN radio show and announced that he still intends to make the Spider-Man movie, as soon as all the legal problems are resolved! Cameron's choice to play PETER PARKER? None other than LEONARDO DICAPRIO, who starred in Cameron's previous magnum opus, *Titanic*! With that kind of talent on tap, it's clear that the SPIDEY movie will be a blockbuster! (Just watch out for those icebergs. Web-Head!)

ITEM! Get ready to go back to the future, Marvelites! Next week, we once again enter the far-out, futuristic world of 2099 in the pages of 2099 MANIFEST DESTINY, a 48-page bookshelf format one-shot by the team of LEN KAMINSKI, MIKE McKONE, and MARK McKENNA! You'll meet MOON KNIGHT 2099, learn the origin of the FANTASTIC FOUR 2099, and witness the resurrection of one of Earth's greatest heroes! Join MIGUEL O'HARA, the former SPIDER-MAN 2099, as he attempts to unite the future Marvel heroes in the final battle for humanity! After this story, the 2099 universe will never be the same again!

ITEM! NICK FURY is missing and presumed dead... but S.H.I.E.L.D. agent SHARON CARTER A.K.A. AGENT 13, is determined to find the famed superspy and prove that he's still alive – just so she can kill him again! It seems that FURY once left Sharon behind enemy lines to die, and now Agent 13 is looking for some payback! It all happens in the pages of the two-issue limited series, FURY/AGENT 13, by TERRY KAVANAGH, RAMON BERNADO, and IAN AIKEN! Sharon's search reveals some shocking secrets about the history of S.H.I.E.L.D. and uncovers a side of Nick we've never seen before! But if CAPTAIN AMERICA's girlfriend finds her man, 13 will be an unlucky number for Fury!

ITEM! As you eagerly await the BLADE movie, here's another vampire tale you can sink your teeth into! JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY #520 presents a horrifying two-parter starring HANNIBAL KING, the vampire detective, written by King's creator, "Marvelous" MARV WOLFMAN! The art is by KARL KERSCHL, who brought his distinctive style to the DAILY BUGLE Limited Series! The decidedly different story finds Hannibal hired by a beautiful woman to track down her husband's killers – but those killers turn out to be the blood-sucking undead! This time, Hannibal may have bitten off more than he can chew!

ITEM! A new generation of artistic excellence begins in GENERATION X #38, as we welcome aboard new penciler TERRY DODSON! If you remember his power-packed pencils from the STORM Limited Series, you know you're in for a treat! Terry joins regular writer LARRY HAMA for a riotous tale in which the Gen-X kids try to save the universe from amalgamation! This issue also features Marvel's weirdest character since HOWARD THE DUCK – get ready to shake hands with DIRT-NAP the rat! And hold on to your cheese!

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

H Heroes!

A kid named Joe told me recently that someone had seen him reading a comic book and put him down for it. Joe wasn't sure how to respond. Although such episodes are becoming increasingly rare because most people now recognize the entertainment value of comics, I'd like to reprint part of a column I had written about that subject years ago, and I hope it'll be as relevant today as it was back in the '60s.

Comic books are a medium of communication, just like television and motion pictures. All three employ words and pictures, and all must be judged on their individual merits. A story is a story, whether presented between two covers or on a screen. If the words have dramatic impact, if the pictures are visually appealing, if the theme grabs you emotionally, then it is certainly worthy of a reader's attention. However if the quality is lacking, then it rates little consideration. Isn't that equally true of a TV program, a stage show, a motion picture, opera, or any other form of entertainment? All we comic book creators ask is that our product be judged on the basis of quality, a quality which we sincerely believe is comparable to that found in any other form of media.

Boy, am I glad I dug that up – it got me halfway through this issue's Soapbox! Now, let's segue to our first letter, from Keith Previc of New Cumberland, PA, who asks

"Is it easier to 'break in' to the comics, and Marvel in particular, as a writer or an artist? If there's a difference in the demand, why is that?"

Artists are probably more in demand than writers, because there are less of them. As for "breaking in," it's easier for an artist (assuming the talent is there), because an editor can usually see if the artist has what it takes by quickly glancing at his or her artwork. In the case of a writer the editor must read page after page of samples and, even after that, it's still difficult to predict how the writer will do on any given story.

And we'll wrap it up with this query from Andy Stout of Chapin, SC.

"Did any AMAZING FANTASY mags before #15 take place in the Marvel Universe?"

Not that I can remember, Andy. (See? I can be brief at times – though it's tough!)

Now, before turning you loose, I feel duty-bound to remind you that the writer of every letter printed in the Soapbox will receive a practically priceless 1998 model No-Prize, guaranteed for the first 50,000 miles. So, keep those questions coming, O True Believers, and wherever you go, whatever you do, always remember – the eyes of Marvel are upon thee!

Excelsior!

Stan

Stan Lee

Now for our award-winning address, "Stan's Soapbox," c/o BULLPEN BULLETINS, Marvel Comics, 387 Park Avenue, South, New York, NY 10016. Feel free to hum it. It's the "Star-Spangled Banner" of Comicon!



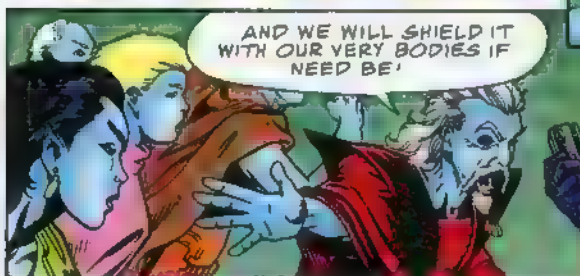


THIS IS THE
MOMENT OF
TRUTH, MY
RAINBOW
WARRIORS--

--NO MATTER
WHAT, STAND YOUR
GROUND!



YASHTI, YOU
OLD FOOL! THIS
AREA HAS BEEN
SCHEDULED FOR
BLASTING!



AND WE WILL SHIELD IT
WITH OUR VERY BODIES IF
NEED BE!



WARLORD
KEERG! WE
HAVE A SITUATION
HERE!



OLD MAN YASHTI! AND HIS
ENVIRONMENTAL ZEALOTS
ARE STANDING BETWEEN US
AND OUR MISSION.

DO YOU
AUTHORIZE THE
USE OF FORCE
IN REMOVING
THEM?



DON'T BOTHER
REMOVING THEM.

DETONATE
THE MINES ON
TOP OF THEM,
FOR ALL I
CARE!



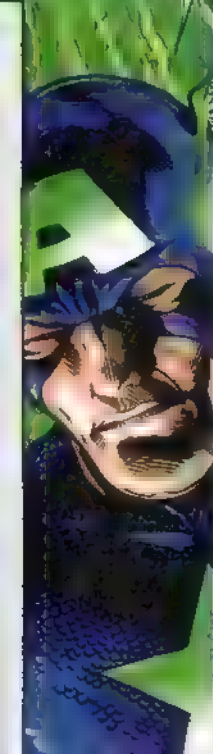
THE CITY OF NEW ATLANTIS
LOOKS LIKE A MOCKERY OF
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY!

TAKE IT EASY,
NAMOR JUST
BE SURE TO
EQUALIZE THE
CABIN
PRESSURE
BEFORE YOU
GO OUT
THAT--



--HATCH.

I SWEAR, HE IS
THE ONLY MAN WHO
CONSISTENTLY MANAGES
TO SURPRISE ME!



WHAT? WHO
IS THIS PINK SKIN
ON THE SECURITY
MONITORS?



ATTENTION, CITIZENS OF
NEW ATLANTIS! THE SUR-
FACE WORLD HAS INVAD-
ED OUR HOME!

TO PROTECT OUR
COUNTRY'S NATURAL
RESOURCES, WE
MUST TAKE UP ARMS
AND FIGHT!

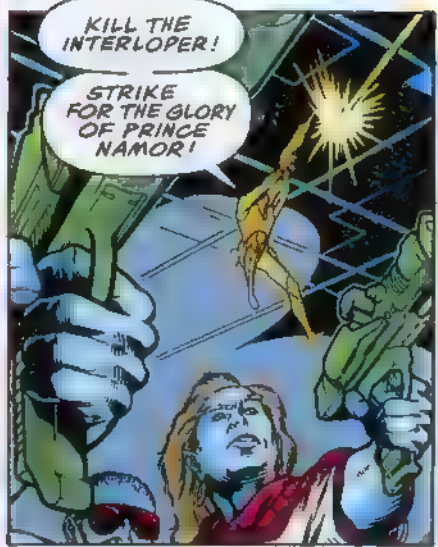
IMPERIUS REX!



THESE VATS
ARE SYNTHESIZING
SOME SORT OF
CHEMICAL COM-
POUND...

...BUT THE
BY-PRODUCT
IS POLLUTING THE
VERY WATER MY
PEOPLE BREATHE!

THERE HE IS!



KILL THE
INTERLOPER!

STRIKE
FOR THE GLORY
OF PRINCE
NAMOR!



"PRINCE NAMOR..."?

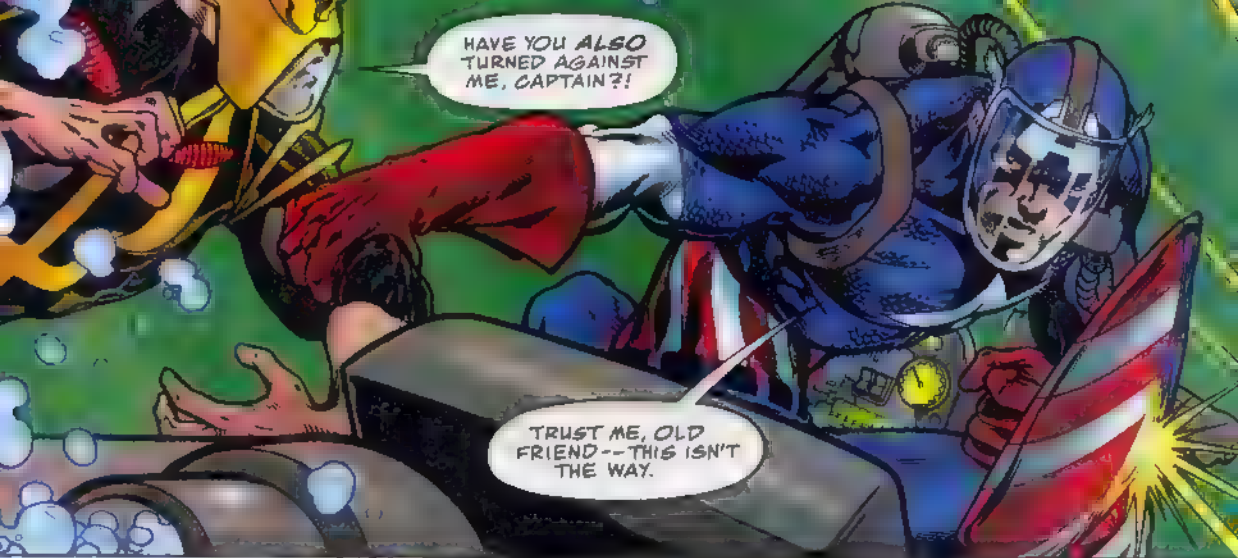
HOW DARE YOU
INVOKE THE NAME
OF THE AVENGING
SON IN THIS
DESPICABLE
VENTURE?!

PREPARE TO HAVE
YOUR TREACHEROUS
TONGUE TORN FROM
YOUR MOUTH!



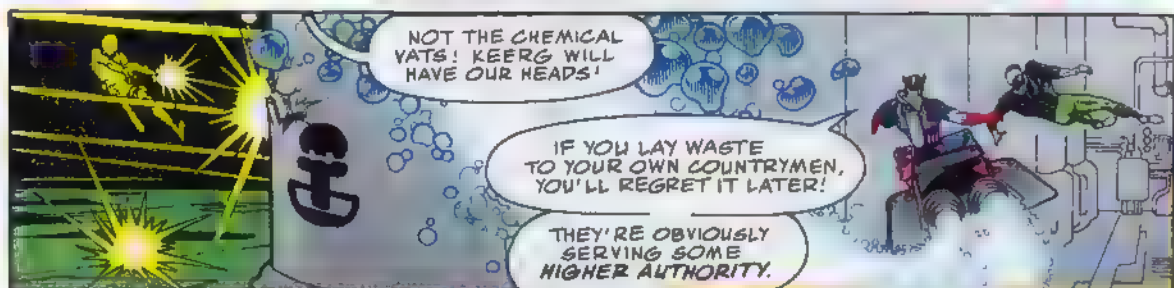
NAMOR,
NO!

?!

HAVE YOU ALSO
TURNED AGAINST
ME, CAPTAIN?!

TRUST ME, OLD
FRIEND--THIS ISN'T
THE WAY.



NOT THE CHEMICAL
VATS! KEERG WILL
HAVE OUR HEADS!

IF YOU LAY WASTE
TO YOUR OWN COUNTRYMEN,
YOU'LL REGRET IT LATER!

THEY'RE OBVIOUSLY
SERVING SOME
HIGHER AUTHORITY.



LET'S FIND
THAT PERSON
AND NEUTRALIZE
HIM!

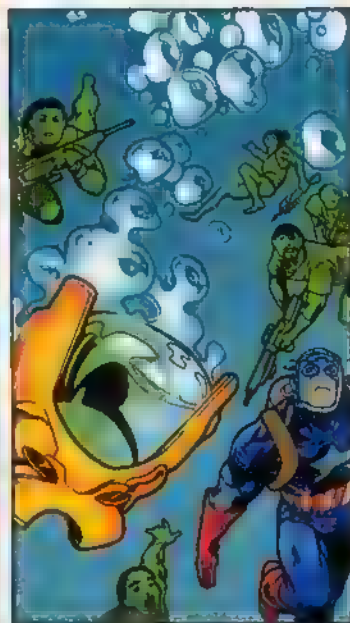
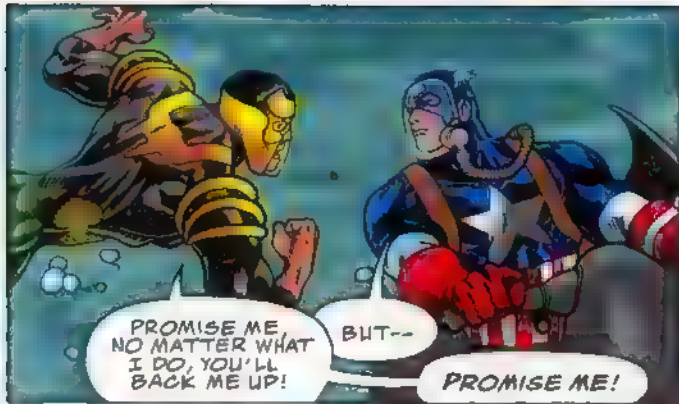
M-MUST
THINK PAST
THE RAGE!

THESE
WARRIORS
OBVIOUSLY
BELIEVE
THEY ARE
ACTING IN MY
INTERESTS



THEY MUST
BE SHOWN HOW
WRONG THEY
ARE!

I MUST
THEREFORE
SWITCH TACTICS
ENTIRELY!



I PROMISED I WOULD
SAND BY YOU, NAMOR--

-- BUT WHAT DO YOU
HOPE TO ACHIEVE BY
DROWNING YOURSELF?!

PRINCE NAMOR?!
BUT WHAT IS OUR
MONARCH DOING IN
A SURFACE
DWELLER'S AIR-
SUIT?

IT'S A
TRICK!

LOOK HOW HE
FLOUNDERS, DES-
PERATE FOR AIR!

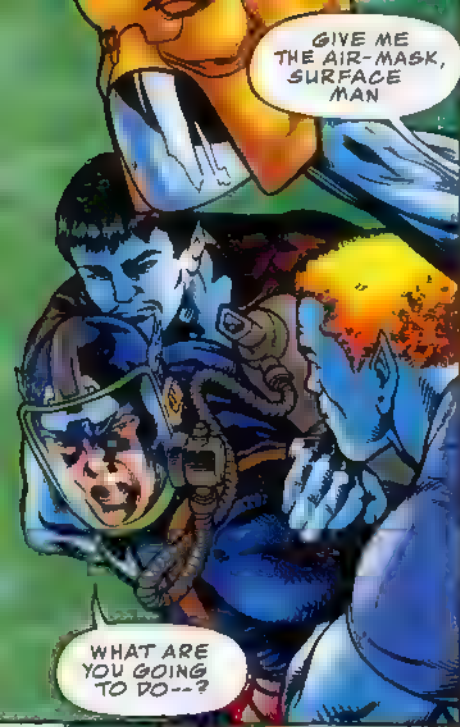
DON'T YOU SEE?
YOU'VE BEEN FIGHTING
NAMOR ALL ALONG!

IF THIS MATTER
IS TRULY ABOUT THE
WILL OF NAMOR,
YOU'VE GOT TO
DECIDE RIGHT
NOW--

-- WHY WOULD
YOUR KING
SACRIFICE HIM-
SELF IF YOU'D
REALLY BEEN
SERVING HIS
WILL?!

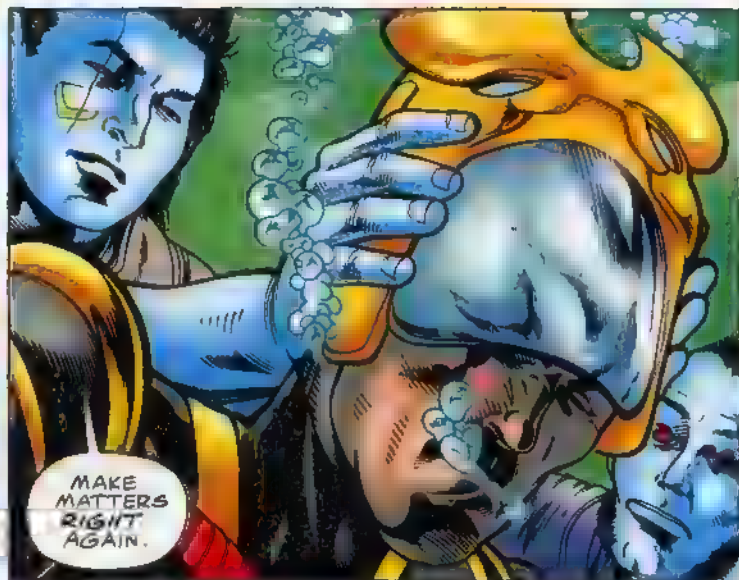
ENOUGH!

THIS IS
NO TRICK!



GIVE ME
THE AIR-MASK,
SURFACE
MAN

WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO--?



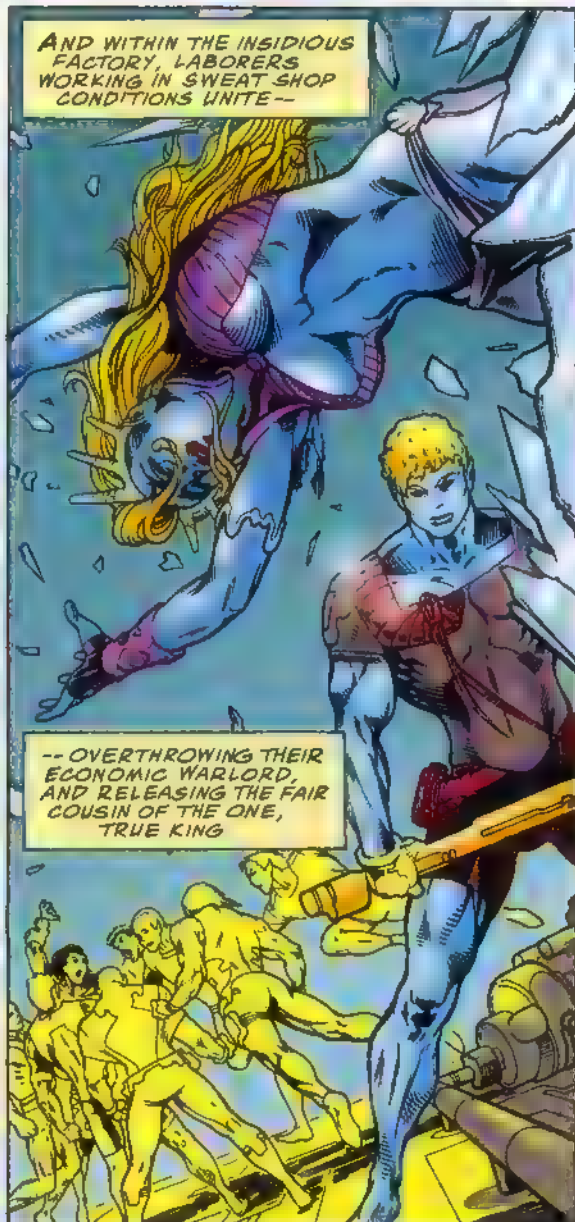
MAKE
MATTERS
RIGHT
AGAIN.

AND THUS, THE SACRED HORN OF
PROTEUS IS SOUNDED AND THE
PROCLAMATION GOES FORTH: "THE
KING HAS RETURNED!"



LOYALISTS TAKE
ARMS AND WAGE A
CIVIL WAR
AGAINST THE FASCIST
REBELS WHO RAPED
THE OCEAN FLOOR

AND WITHIN THE INSIDIOUS
FACTORY, LABORERS
WORKING IN SWEAT SHOP
CONDITIONS UNITE--



-- OVERTHROWING THEIR
ECONOMIC WARLORD,
AND RELEASING THE FAIR
COUSIN OF THE ONE,
TRUE KING



NOOO! THIS CANNOT BE!

MY CORPORATE SPIES ON THE SURFACE TOLD ME THAT NAMOR WAS DEAD!



AND WITHOUT THE AIR WITHIN THIS TERRARIUM TO SUSTAIN ME, I WOULD SUCCEUMB TO THAT FATE, KEERG.

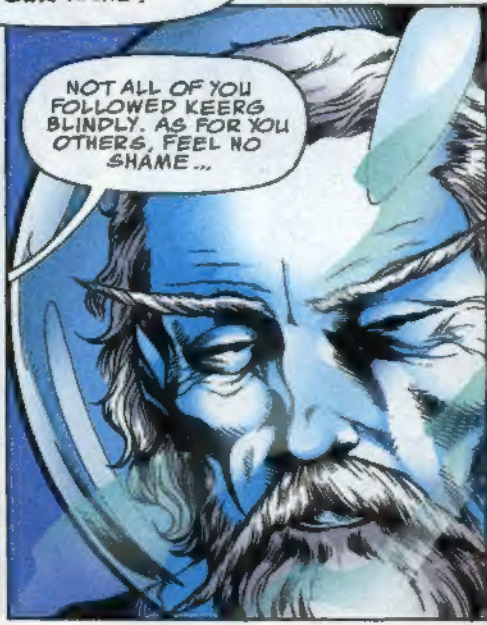
BUT NOW, MY SUBJECTS, I BID YOU TO RISE.

FOR HOW CAN I SIT UPON THIS THRONE IN GOOD FAITH--

--KNOWING THAT I CAN NO LONGER SHARE THE SAME ENVIRONMENT AS MY SUBJECTS?



MY PRINCE, FORGIVE US. IS THERE NOTHING WE WON'T STOOP TO IF WE BELIEVE IT TO BE IN YOUR NAME?



NOT ALL OF YOU FOLLOWED KEERG BLINDLY. AS FOR YOU OTHERS, FEEL NO SHAME...



...FOR IF MY EXAMPLE SENT YOU DOWN A FALSE ROAD, THEN THE FAULT IS NOT YOURS.



WHICH IS WHY WE NEED YOU HERE, MY PRINCE --AIR- BREATHER OR NO.



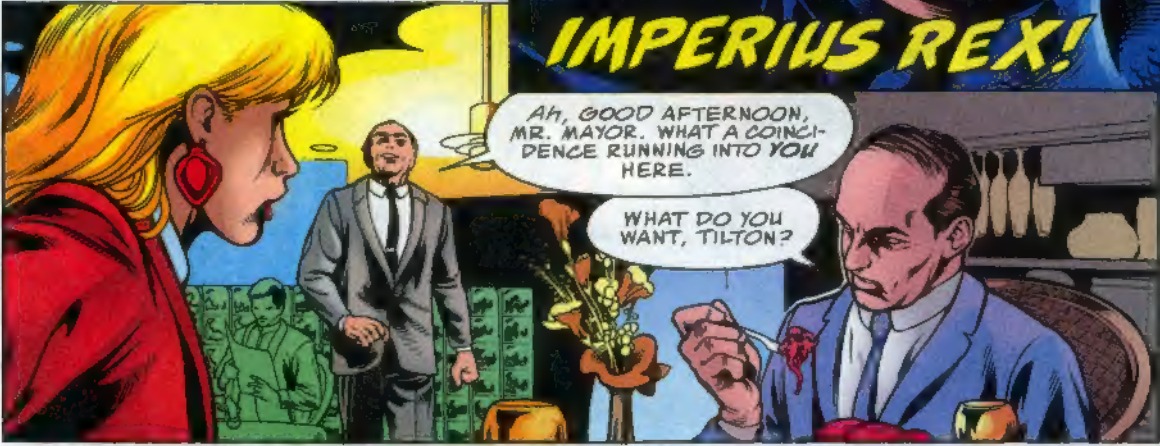
SO BE IT!

I CREATED KEERG BY SEEKING "RESPECTABLE" PATHS TO JUSTICE. THOSE DAYS ARE OVER!



SO SWEARS NAMOR THE FIRST!

IMPERIUS REX!



AH, GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR. WHAT A COINCIDENCE RUNNING INTO YOU HERE.

WHAT DO YOU WANT, TILTON?



I JUST THOUGHT I'D INFORM YOU THAT I'VE CUT ALL TIES WITH THE ATLANTEANS.

TOO VOLATILE A NATION.



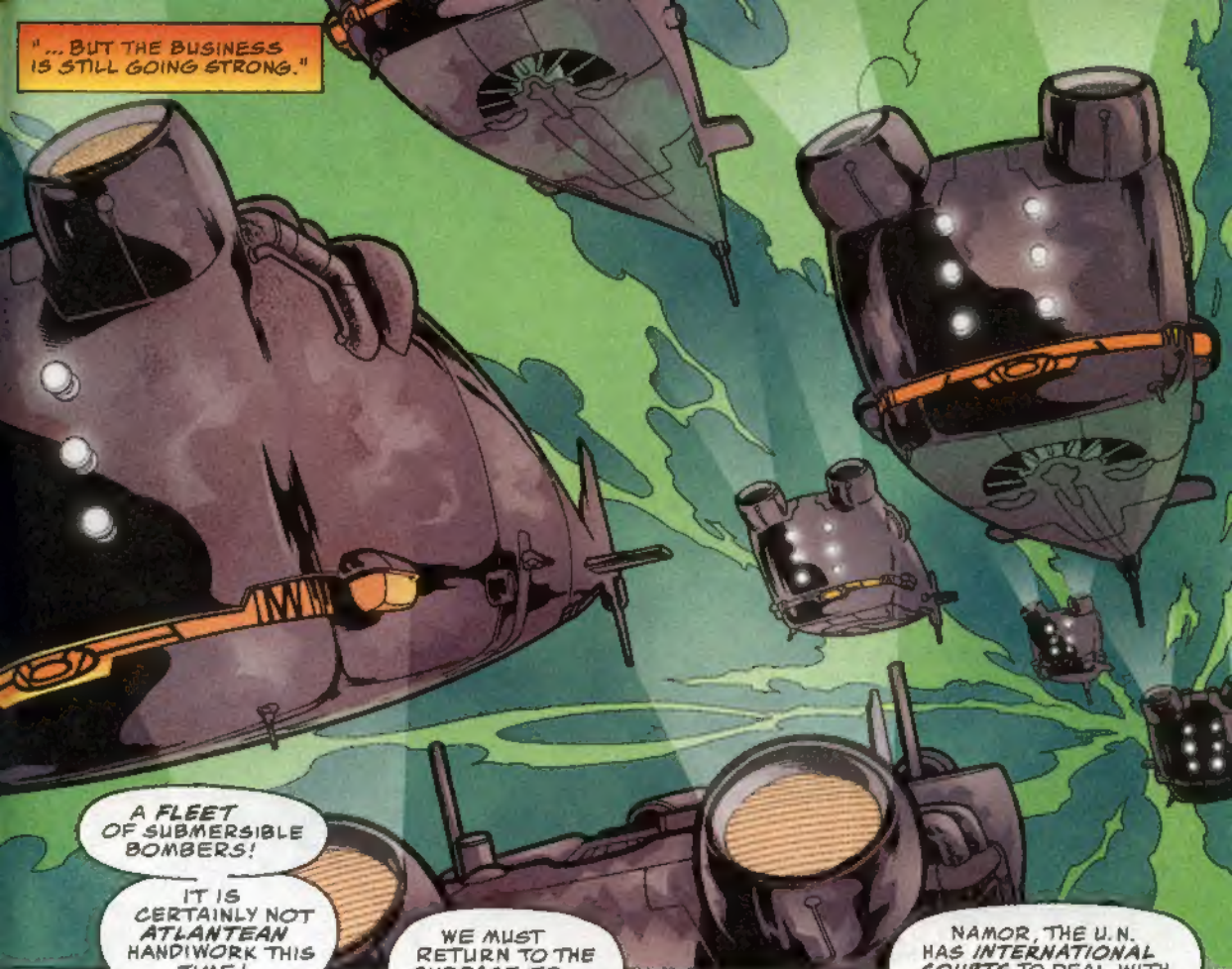
THAT'S TOO BAD. MUSHT HAVE COSHT YOU A PRETTY PENNY.

OH, YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME, MR. MAYOR.



THE ATLANTEANS ARE OUT...

"...BUT THE BUSINESS
IS STILL GOING STRONG."



A FLEET
OF SUBMERSIBLE
BOMBERS!

IT IS
CERTAINLY NOT
ATLANTEAN
HANDIWORK THIS
TIME!

WE MUST
RETURN TO THE
SURFACE TO
FINISH WHAT WE
STARTED!

NAMOR, THE U.N.
HAS INTERNATIONAL
COURTS TO DEAL WITH
MATTERS LIKE THIS...



SO, CAPTAIN-- IT IS
ALL RIGHT TO INFILTRATE
MY COUNTRY AND BATTLE
THE FORCES OF
FASCISM...



THEN I WILL
DO IT WITHOUT
YOU!



...BUT IT IS
WRONG TO FIGHT
THE SAME EVIL IN
YOUR OWN
LAND?

NEXT: > NAMOR AND
THE
THING!

MARVEL TEAM-UP

Dear Marvel Comics,

My son made me aware of your recent MARVEL TEAM-UP issue in which Spider-Man and Sandman fought a super-villain called the Flag-Smasher. I realize that this is a comic book and the Flag-Smasher is a caricature. However, I thought you and your readers should be made aware that the majority of Unitists (i.e. those who believe countries should be abolished and the world united into one human republic) are not like Flag-Smasher and his cronies in Ultimatum. For the most part, they are pacifistic individuals who use nonviolent resistance tactics, such as those employed by Gandhi, to try to change the status quo.

The image of Unitism as a deep, dark conspiracy by some hidden group planning to take over the world is a hard one to shake, and depictions like those presented in your comic book don't help matters. In truth, the human race is dominated by a schizophrenic mind-set, in which we draw our little invisible lines on the map and think that they are really there. As the magnificent pictures taken by the Apollo astronauts demonstrate, the real world is not divided into nations. Nor is the human race divided into nationalities. We are one people, and the small number of Unitists who see clearly must help the human race to understand that. It is no easy task we have set for ourselves, but until humanity is united, we will be trapped in a dark time of violence, anarchy and destruction.

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Gary, our intention was neither to insult the Unitists of the world nor to suggest that all Unitists hold the beliefs of the Flag-Smasher. He is indeed a super-villain, and as such is an exaggerated representation of a specific human belief.

Are all Holocaust survivors like Magneto? Are all Eastern European monarchs like Doctor Doom? Of course not, and to even suggest such a thing would be a gross insult to all people. We respect your beliefs and your interest in what your son reads. We think Marvel Comics can broaden the

mind and inspire educated discussion... just like MARVEL TEAM-UP #3 did!

Dear Marvel,

In MARVEL TEAM-UP #5, I was wondering who the special guest star was. I thought it could be the Authority, but then knew it couldn't be, since he was the villain. I was surprised when it turned out to be the Watcher! I have liked all of the issues so far!

Here's five team-ups for Spidey to have:

1. Conan
2. X-Men
3. Man-Wolf
4. Satana
5. Daredevil

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We're glad we surprised you with our carefully guarded secret guest star, William! Aren't we a sneaky bunch? As for your suggestions, keep your fingers crossed and you just may see the first-ever meeting between the wondrous web-slinger and Robert E. Howard's bronze barbarian!

Dear TEAM-UP,

I have read the first storyline in the revived MARVEL TEAM-UP and I must say it was astounding! My favorite part was the guest-appearance by everyone's favorite cosmic entity, Uatu the Watcher! In this day of sought-after sales, you should be commended for not guest-starring "hot" characters every month and for treating us to more unique pairings.

As for upcoming issues, I look forward to Namor and Blade. I think you should stay away from heroes who normally are associated with Spider-Man. The Sandman was good, but no Prowlers, Black Cats or Rocket Racers. There are many Marvel characters I'd like to see with Spidey (which fit into the MTU tradition), among them: the Fantastic Four, Wolverine, the Impossible Man, Misty Knight, Union Jack, the Heroes for Hire, Ghost Rider, the Starjammers, the Micronauts, Jubilee, and maybe even... Conan!

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Hey, another nomination for Conan! (We smell a movement afoot!) We're glad you enjoyed the more interesting team-ups, Brian. While the bean counters would like us to shove the "flavor of the month" characters into the pages of MTU, we think you, the readers, deserve

stories that stretch the boundaries and stimulate the mind!

Greetings Gentlemen,

I just finished reading MARVEL TEAM-UP #5. Given your editorial comment in panel two of page eight, I just had to drop you a line.

First off, let me say I loved the story! Believe it or not, the Humanoids are some of my favorite villains. I used to devour the issues of TALES OF ASTONISH that featured these immoral sponge-like creations. Thanks for bringing these guys back even if I have waited since I was a "pup" to read about their exploits again.

Which brings me to the point of this letter. Unfortunately, I read the original "yellowing yarn" back in 1965-1966. TALES OF ASTONISH #75 ("Not All My Power Can Save Me") clearly depicts the Watcher reclaiming his ultimate machine. So how come Spidey was able to find the pesky thing back in Italy? A minor detail which probably wouldn't be noticed by this generation of Merry Marvel Marchers, but to those of us who are old enough to remember, it was apparent. I guess that's the problem when you do such a great job of entertaining for so many years. Some of us forget to outgrow our adolescent power fantasies and end up sticking around for thirty plus years. Thanks for the journey thus far!

Clint (been here since AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #25) Brady
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Who says you ever have to outgrow the fantasies of your youth, Clint? That's just one of the reasons why we've stuck around for so long! As for what happened to the Globe of Infinite Knowledge, if you had offered a logical explanation, you could have won yourself a guaranteed 100% authentic No-Prize! Anyone out there care to explain the turn of events and win the most coveted prize in all of comicdom?

NEXT ISSUE:

THE CREATIVE SQUAD THAT LAUNCHED MARVEL TEAM-UP IS BACK, AND THEY'VE BROUGHT ALONG THE CORNERSTONE OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR, THE EVER LOVIN' BLUE-EYED THING! BUT WHEN NAMOR SEEKS REVENGE AGAINST THE BUSINESSMAN THAT POLLUTED ATLANTIS, WILL BEN GRIMM HELP THE SUBMARINER... OR STOP HIM? IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME IN 30 AS PETE AND GLENN WELCOME BACK PAT OLLIFFE AND AL WILLIAMSON!

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